advances aggregating Rs. 5 lakhs granted to all categories of affected persons. This concessional rate of interest was allowed for a period of 3 to 5 years for working capital finance and upto 7 years for term loans. The above concessionality in the interest rate has been extended as a very special case in view of the extra-ordinary circumstances prevailing in November, 1984 and such concessions have not been extended in cases of riots|disturbances which occured subsequently. The resources of banks comprise mainly of deposits raised from the public on which banks have to pay interest and have also to meet their establishment expenditures. As granting of further concession is likely to affect the overall financial position of the banks, Reserve Bank of India is not in favour of any further concessions, such as, waiver of bank loans and interest thereon granted to the riot victims for their rehabilitation.

World Bank Loans

2096. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been the largest World Bank Borrower; and

(b) if so, at what level the Indian debt from World Bank stands at present indicating the total amount of loans so far taken from World Bank and the payment so far made against such loans indicating the content of debt service charges and the interest on the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Till 30th June, 1989 drawals from the World Bank Group (IBRD and IDA) have been $ 18297.97 million. Of this amount, $ 1596.0 million has been repaid. Debt servicing including interest charges amounted to $ 2905.05 million.

Aid India Consortium Meet

2097. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aid India Consortium met on 19th|20th June, 1989 to determine the extent of World Bank aid to be extended to India during the current year and also during the 8th Five Year Plan Period; and

(b) if so, what was the nature of the proposals made to the World Bank by Government in this regard and how far World Bank aid has been recommended by the Consortium and on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The annual Aid India Consortium Meeting was held in Paris on June 19-20, 1989 to discuss and determine the aid to be extended to India during 1989-90.

(b) It is not the practice for Government of India to make a specific request in terms of a precise figure aid as the India Consortium is a group set up at the initiative of the World Bank to consider availability of aid to India in the context of the country's requirements. The aid pledges indicated at the meeting total to about US $ 6.7 billion for 1989-90. The terms and conditions of such aid will be determined only after aid negotiations are finalized with each doner agency during the course of the year.

Poaching of Wildlife

2098. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poaching of wildlife is still going on in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the different wildlife reserves and the States where such incidents are taking place; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop poaching altogether?